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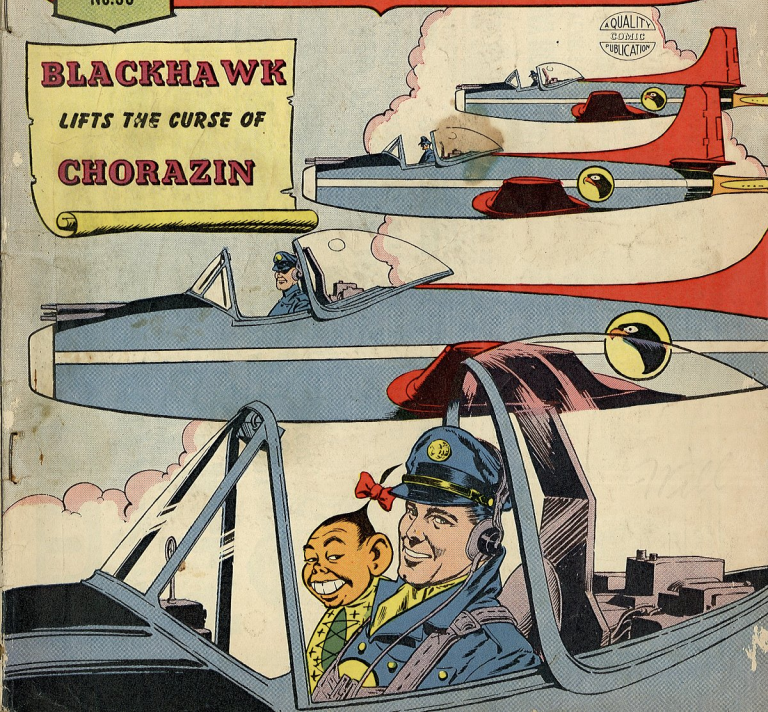
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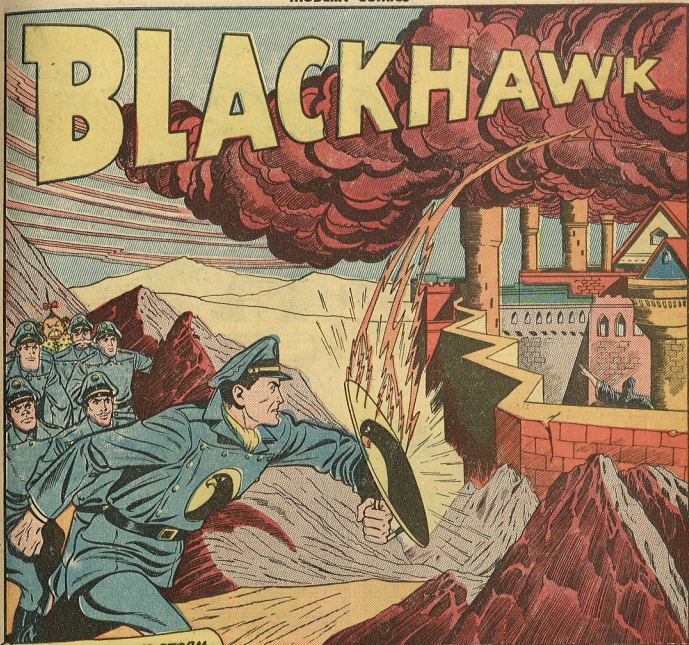
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# BLACKHAWK



## THE BLACKHAWKS STORM THE FORTRESS OF EVIL!

404 UNTOLD CENTURIES MEN HAVE TREMBLED AT THE LEGEND OF CHORAZIN, CAPITAL CITY OF BLACK DEVIL WORSHIP! IT TOOK THE BLACKHAWKS TO FIND AND DARE THE POWERS THAT HAUNTED THE HORRIBLE RUINS... AT WHICH DELUDED AND WARPED WORSHIPPERS GATHERED FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO MAKE

## THE BLACK PILGRIMAGE!

A STREET AT NIGHT... AND SUDDEN CLAMOR AND TERROR...

I WON'T!  
I WON'T!

YOU WILL,  
OR YOU'LL  
DIE!

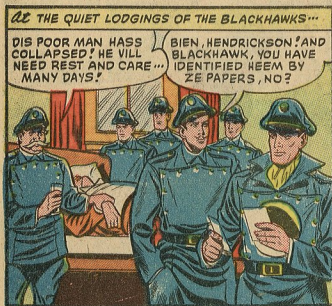


HOLD ON!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU TRYING  
TO DO?

STAY OUT OF THIS,  
STRANGER, OR DIE  
THE FOULEST OF  
DEATHS!



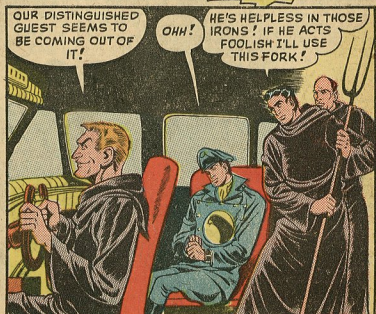
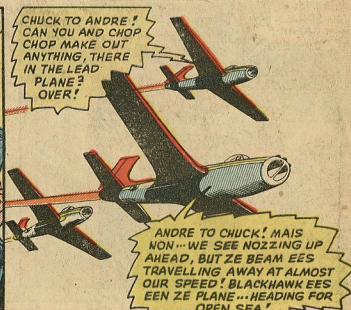
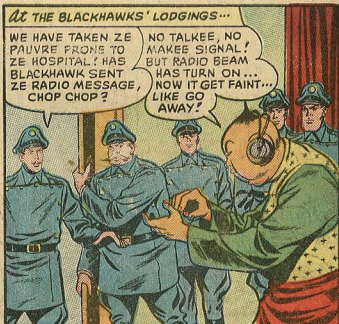




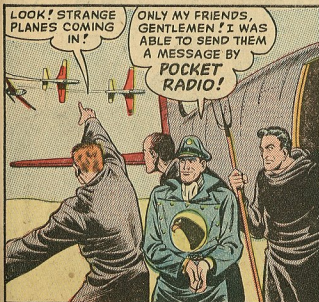
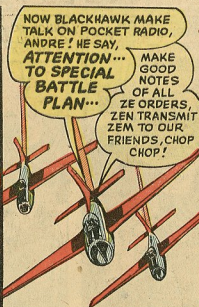










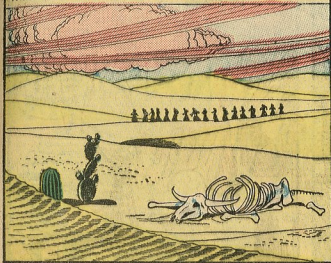








And ACROSS THE BURNING SANDS OF THE UNKNOWN DESERT THE DEVOTEES OF AN EVIL CULT MAKE THEIR MARCH... DAY AFTER DAY...



WHY DO YOU PAMPER THIS PRISONER WITH FOOD AND WATER?

WE WANT HIM TO LIVE UNTIL WE REACH CHORAZIN, BROTHER. HE WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MASTER OF EVIL AS A LIVING HUMAN SACRIFICE!



DO YOU THINK WE HAVE COMPLETELY BAFFLED THOSE BLACKHAWK PLANES? AS WE SLEPT LAST NIGHT I THOUGHT I HEARD MOTORS CIRCLING FAR ABOVE US!

DOUBTLESS YOU WERE DREAMING! WE DO NOT SEE THEM BY DAY... AND HOW COULD THEY FOLLOW US WITHOUT OUR SEEING OR HEARING THEM?



ANOTHER BAND OF OUR BROTHERS! HAIL, AND THE POWER OF EVIL BE WITH YOU!

CHORAZIN'S WALLS ARE NOT FAR! WE WILL BE THERE BEFORE NIGHT-FALL!



AT LAST! THE GOAL OF OUR DREAMS... WONDROUS CHORAZIN!

YOU CALL IT WONDROUS! IT LOOKS LIKE A CLUTTER OF RUINS... A FIT ABODE FOR YOUR STUPID WORSHIP OF EVIL!



SCOFFER! I HAVE A MIND TO...

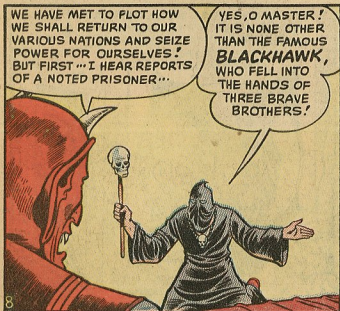
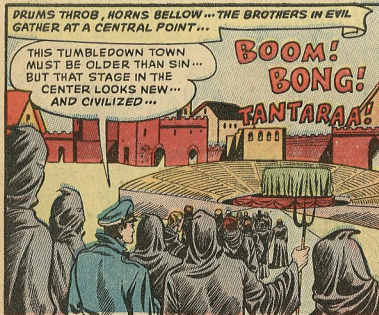
NO, HARM HIM NOT! LEAVE THAT FOR THE PLEASURE OF OUR MASTER OF EVIL! COME, LET US HASTEN TO ENTER CHORAZIN'S GATES!



AH, MY BROTHERS IN EVIL WHO HAVE MADE THE BLACK PILGRIMAGE! WELCOME TO THE WICKED JOYS OF CHORAZIN! JOIN US INSIDE!











HA, FOOL!  
YOU SHOW  
NO FEAR OF  
ME!

WHY SHOULD I? THIS PLATFORM IS  
THE KIND OF STAGE A CHEAP SLEIGHT-  
OF-HAND PERFORMER USES! I SEE  
THE TRAPDOOR THROUGH WHICH YOU  
POPPED UNDER COVER OF THAT  
POWDER EXPLOSION!



YOU PRETEND TO  
KNOW SECRETS  
OF MAGIC...

ONLY TRICKERY! FOR  
INSTANCE, GETTING  
FREE OF SHACKLES  
LIKE THIS! HERE,  
TAKE THEM!



THESE HAND-  
CUFFS HAVE  
BEEN FILED  
OPEN! WHO  
DID THAT?

WE DID, MASTER  
OF EVIL... OR  
SHOULD WE SAY  
WEEVIL?



MORE BLACKHAWKS!  
BUT OUR BROTHERS AT  
THE SHORE DROVE THEM  
AWAY! I HAVE HEARD  
HOW THEIR PLANES  
FLEW INTO THE  
SKY...

BUT FIRST, MY FRIENDS HERE  
SEIZED MY THREE CAPTORS  
AND TOOK THEIR ROBES! YOUR  
SO-CALLED BROTHERS ARE  
BOUND SAFELY IN THE  
BLACKHAWK PLANES  
NOW ON THEIR  
WAY!



RUSH THOSE  
SCOFFERS ON  
THE PLATFORM!  
SEIZE THEM!

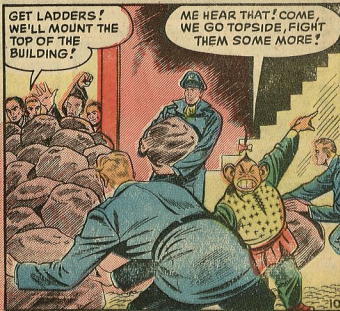
SURE!  
COME ONE,  
COME ALL!



HAWKAAA!

COME ON, YOU  
RATS! SEE HOW  
THE BLACKHAWKS  
FIGHT!

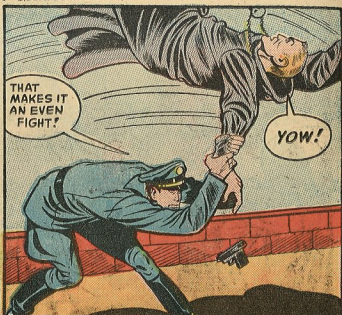
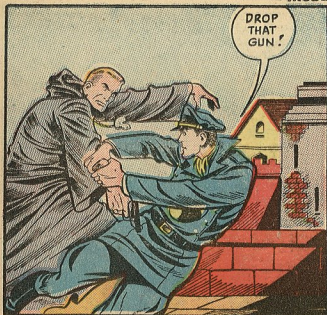




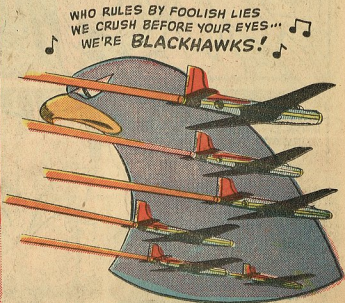
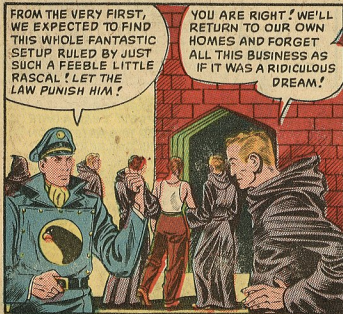














# TORCHY



BUT, TORCHY, YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO SCOOP UP A FORTUNE IN REAL ESTATE!

I AM, TESS! I'M SELLING MY BEACH AT TEN CENTS A SCOOP!

GIVE ME A QUART!

I'LL TAKE A GALLON!



I LIKE SATURDAY AFTERNOONS BECAUSE NOBODY WORKS!

WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HUNT A JOB, IS THAT IT?



TESS, YOU KNOW I WORK AT MORE JOBS THAN ANY-ONE!

AND DON'T HOLD ANY! YOU'RE ALMOST AS BAD AS ED! HE'S ALWAYS TANGLED UP IN SOME GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME THAT DOESN'T PAN OUT!



I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN TALK THAT WAY ABOUT YOUR TWO BEST FRIENDS!

I'M SORRY, TORCHY... I GUESS I'M UPSET! I HAD A DATE WITH ED THIS AFTERNOON AND HE'S ALREADY TWO HOURS LATE!



DON'T WORRY, HONEY! I'M SURE YOUR BOY FRIEND ISN'T UNFAITHFUL! MAYBE HE'S BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT OR SOMETHING!



BY ACCIDENT, ED IS WORKING AT...

SELLIN' REAL ESTATE'S NEVER BEEN MY LINE, MR. CROCKETT, BUT I COULDN'T PASS UP THIS CHANCE TO OFFER PROPERTY AT SUCH A BARGAIN!

SEAWEED ACRES, EH? WATERFRONT SITES?

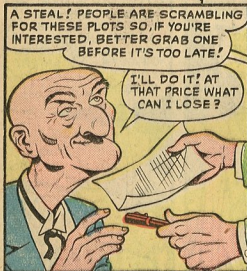


ONE THOUSAND FEET OF OCEAN FRONTAGE, PRIVATE BEACH, THE IDEAL SPOT FOR A SUMMER HOME... FOR ONLY FIFTY BUCKS! FIFTY? HMM! THAT'S CHEAP ENOUGH!



A STEAL! PEOPLE ARE SCRAMBLING FOR THESE PLOTS SO, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, BETTER GRAB ONE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

I'LL DO IT! AT THAT PRICE WHAT CAN I LOSE?



WHEN AM I GOING TO SEE THIS LAND?

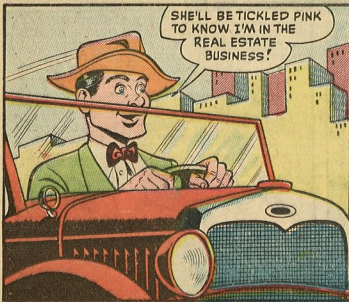
TELL YOU WHAT, MR. CROCKETT... I'LL COME BACK IN HALF AN HOUR AND DRIVE YOU THERE MYSELF, PERSONALLY! YOU'LL BE SURPRISED!



OH, BOY! THAT WAS THE EASIEST MONEY I EVER MADE! I GOTTA TELL TESS!



SHE'LL BE TICKLED PINK TO KNOW I'M IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS!



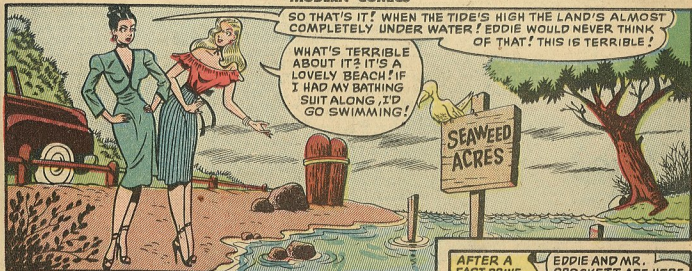
I'LL HAVE TO CANCEL OUR DATE, BUT SHE WON'T MIND WHEN SHE HEARS I'M ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS AND TAKIN' A SHORT CUT AT THAT!



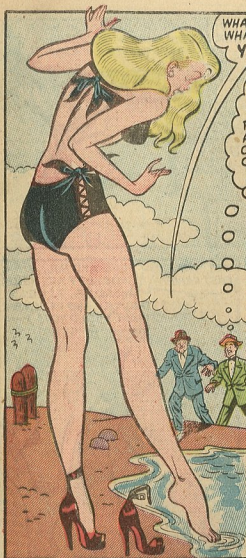












WHAT A WOMAN!  
WHAT A FIGURE!  
YIEEE!

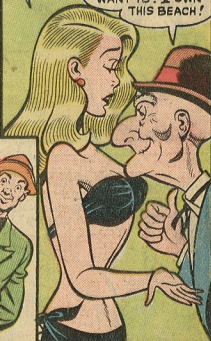
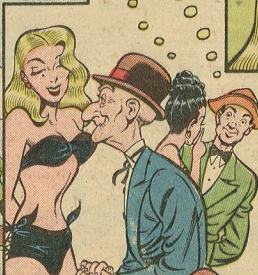
THE OLD  
BOYS GOIN'  
FOR TORCHY!  
I HOPE SHE'LL  
PLAY ALONG  
AND MAYBE I  
CAN WIGGLE  
OUT OF THIS  
MESS!

I DON'T WANT  
ED TO LET ON  
HE KNOWS US!  
I HOPE HE  
CATCHES  
ON!

NOW I  
GET IT!  
THIS IS  
SOME OF  
TESS'S  
WORK!  
WHAT A  
GAL!

...AND THIS IS MY FAVORITE  
BEACH! I HEARD IT WAS BEING  
SOLD AND WANTED TO COME  
HERE JUST ONCE  
MORE!

LITTLE GIRL,  
HARRUMPH!  
YOU CAN COME  
HERE ANYTIME YOU  
WANT TO! I OWN  
THIS BEACH!



THANK YOU, ELMER!  
SMACK! MY NAME'S  
TORCHY!

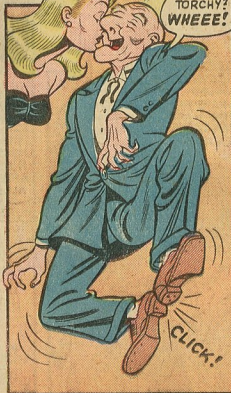
TELL YOU WHAT, TORCHY! I'LL  
MAKE THIS YOUR PRIVATE BEACH,  
IF YOU'LL HAVE DINNER  
WITH ME!

WHY, ELMER,  
I'D LOVE TO!



YOU DO? OH, THANK  
YOU, MR...MR...

CROCKETT!  
BUT YOU  
CALL ME  
ELMER!  
HEE,  
HEE!



TORCHY?  
WHEEE!

CLICK!



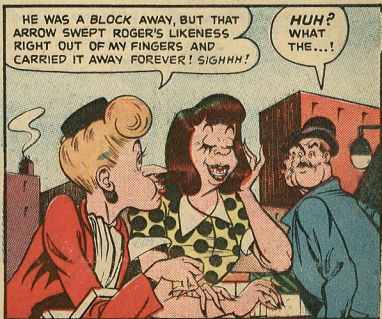
I'LL BE READY AT EIGHT!  
TOOPE-  
OO!

BYE-EE!  
YEOW!

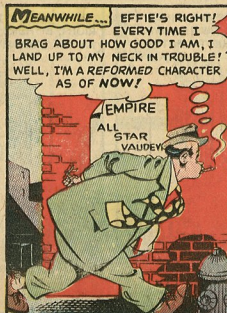




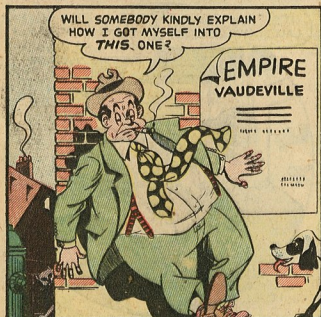
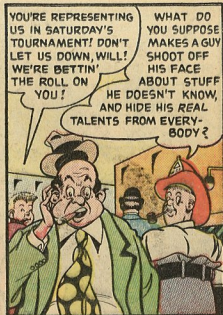




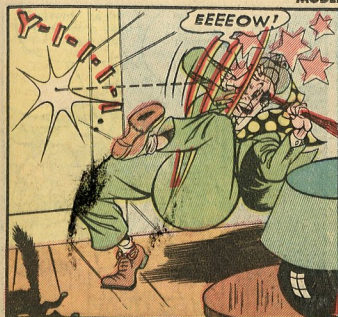














**SATURDAY MORNING...**

WELL, BRING ON YOUR EXPERT, YOU GUYS! OR WOULD YOU RATHER CONCEDE THE TOURNAMENT AND PAY OFF NOW!

G'WAN! OUR CHAMP'LL BE ALONG ANY MINUTE... AND WHAT HE'LL DO TO THIS IMITATION SHOULD'NT HAPPEN TO A DOG!

I HOPE HE HURRIES! MY NERVES ARE ALL UPSET! I HAD A MOST ANGUISHING ENCOUNTER WITH A STUPID AMATEUR LAST EVENING!

RELAX, BUSTER! HERE COMES OUR BOY NOW!

OH, WILL, I THINK THIS IS SO ROMANTIC! I NEVER DREAMED YOU WERE A CHAMPION!

EFFIE, THESE THINGS SOMETIMES COME AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO EVERYONE!

OOOOPS! WHO TRIPPED ME?

EEEEOW!

**YOU! OH, NO...**

H'LO!

LET ME OUT OF HERE! I WOULDN'T FACE THAT MAN-KILLING MANIAC FOR A MILLION DOLLARS! I'M LEAVING TOWN ON THE FIRST TRAIN!

AWRRKKK!!

AW, COME ON, WILL! JUST A FEW EXHIBITION SHOTS... SO WE CAN SEE THE FORM THAT EVEN THE CHAMP WAS AFRAID TO BUCK!

FOR THE LAST TIME, BOYS... **NO!** IN FAIRNESS TO ORDINARY ARCHERY CHAMPIONS, I THINK I'LL ANNOUNCE MY RETIREMENT! I'M SIMPLY TOO GOOD FOR THEM!



# JUNGLE DEATH

ONE after another the Blackhawks crept silently from the jungle and knelt to stare down at the weird scene below. Behind them the river burbled sullenly between the dark walls of jungle. Screams of jungle animals and the grunting bellow of caymen and alligators made the night hideous. But down below was a scene that put all the other nightmare aspects to shame.

"Py Yudas," whispered Olaf at Blackhawk's shoulder. "Dere must be a t'ousand of dose yumping yacks."

"At least," Blackhawk said soberly. He scowled at the circle of campfires lighting the hollow below, and at the capering fiendish forms of the natives, leaping and howling around a pyramid of human heads. "The Og-lutes are the last, and worst, of the untamed head-hunters. Durie must have scared them plenty to win his position."

They all looked at the knot of white men beside the pyramid. Durie, the gross and sadistic arch criminal, wanted in half a dozen countries, sat on a throne of human bones. Around were grouped his bodyguards, thugs and killers from a dozen underworlds who had allied themselves to Durie for fresh evil.

"Wow," Chuck whispered. "I hope Chop Chop does his little trick in good order. I'd hate to meet that pack of throat-shavers when they had their wits about them."

"It will work," Blackhawk reassured him. "The Chinese have centuries of experience in that work behind them. Chop Chop never fails us and he won't fail us now."

For weeks the Blackhawks had been hunting Durie's hideout and they had finally found it here in the depths of the jungle. But by cruelty and fear, Durie had gained domination over the most savage tribe in the jungle. It was obvious from their evening of spying that any attempt to take Durie would bring the whole tribe down upon them with murderous intent. A trick, suggested by little Chop Chop, their Chinese cook, had offered the best hope. Now only time would tell.

Suddenly a hot wind touched their backs, whistling and wailing through the trees. Down

below, it sent the fires to leaping, scattering smoke and sparks, and the dancing savages drew closer together.

"That's what I thought," Blackhawk said. "They are afraid of the night wind. Get set, gang. We'll get action any moment."

Before his words had died, a shrill screech rang above the jungle noises. It came from the darkness above and a moment later a terrible grinning face appeared in the sky. It poised there, leering and bobbing, emitting those inhuman screams, seeming to smirk in triumph at the scene below.

From the throats of the savages came a wild moaning howl of terror. Above it rang the harsh rasp of Durie's voice as he cursed them and shouted orders to his armed hoods. But there was a noticeable quaver in Durie's voice and his thugs seemed unwilling to leave his side.

Then the wild vision overhead suddenly increased its screaming and came flying down through the air, straight at the camp. As one man, the savages sprang up and ran, screaming, into the jungle.

"Let's go, gang," Blackhawk roared then and the blue-clad figures leaped up to follow him down the slope. "Surrender, Durie. This is your finish. You're covered. Throw down your arms."

It was Durie himself who threw off the shock of fresh surprise and fired point blank at the onrushing Blackhawks. The single shot was a signal for the tommyguns at the hips of the Blackhawks to open up in withering answer. Durie went down, riddled and those of his thugs still on their feet threw down their weapons and howled for mercy. It was over in a moment.

"You're going back to civilization to stand trial," Blackhawk told the trembling survivors.

"Anything," one groveling figure moaned. "Just get us out of this forsaken spot. It's haunted."

"Oh, that?" Blackhawk chuckled. "One of Chop Chop's kites, daubed with luminous paint and with a screamer whistle tied to its tail. I knew it would scare the natives but I'd forgotten that when white men try to turn savage, they adopt the worst traits . . . including cowardice."

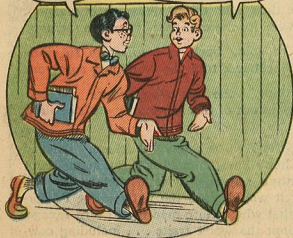


# EZRA



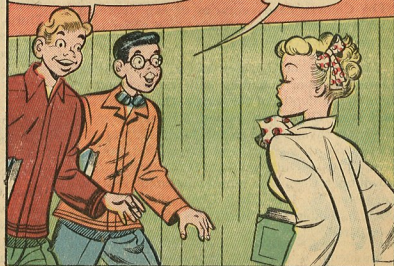
ISN'T MYRNA JOINING OUR CHARMING COMPANY, CHUM?

SHE'S USING HER CHARM TO GARNER PLEDGES FOR THE POPULARITY CONTEST! SHE SAID TO MEET HER AT THE SODA SHOPPE!

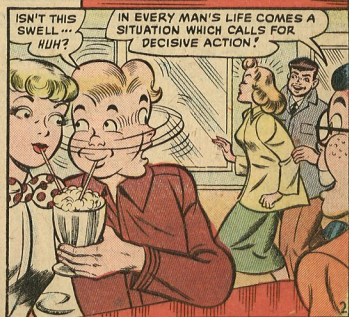
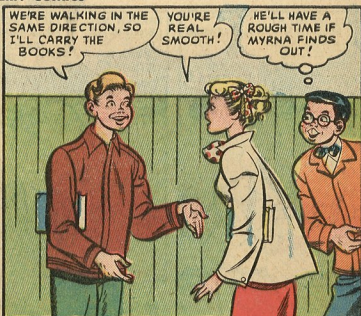
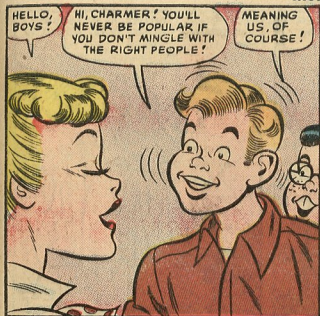


SPEAKING ABOUT CHARMING COMPANY, FOCUS YOUR ORBS ON THIS LITTLE NUMBER!

LEMUELLA, THE GORGEOUS! NEWEST WHISTLE-BAIT IN SCHOOL!









SHALL WE SIT AT THE FOUNTAIN, DEAN, WHERE WE WON'T HAVE TO FACE CERTAIN PEOPLE?

A PLEASURE, MY LADY... TO TURN MY BACK ON EZRA!



PARDON ME, LEMUUELLA! I MUST TAKE CERTAIN STEPS!

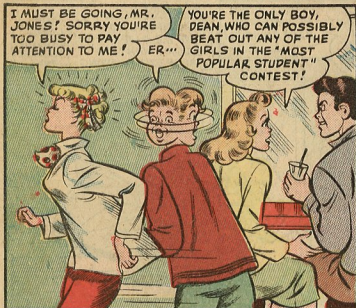
THEY'D BETTER BE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, CHUM!



BUT, MYRNA, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING, DEAN?

BELIEVE I DID HEAR A MOUSE SQUEAKING!



I MUST BE GOING, MR. JONES! SORRY YOU'RE TOO BUSY TO PAY ATTENTION TO ME! ER...

YOU'RE THE ONLY BOY, DEAN, WHO CAN POSSIBLY BEAT OUT ANY OF THE GIRLS IN THE "MOST POPULAR STUDENT" CONTEST!



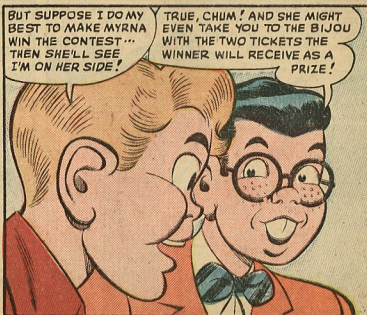
LOOKS LIKE MYRNA WOULD LIKE TO SEE DEAN WIN THE CONTEST JUST TO GET EVEN WITH ME! NOW HOW DO I GET BACK IN HER GOOD GRACES?

FRIEND, YOU DON'T STAND MUCH CHANCE... ESPECIALLY IF YOU DAMAGED HER CHANCES IN THE CONTEST!



HOW COULD I HURT HER CHANCES?

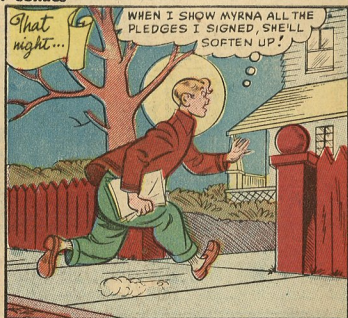
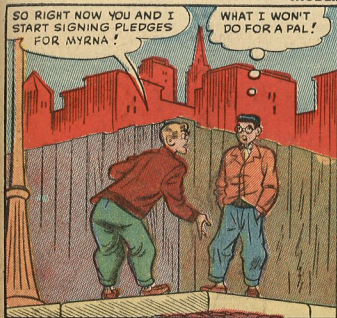
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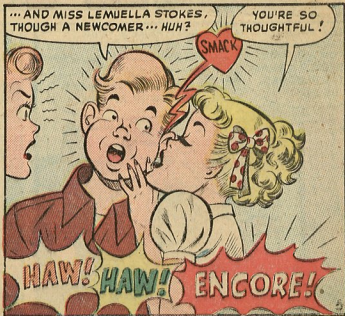
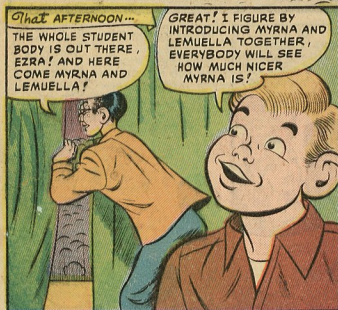


BUT SUPPOSE I DO MY BEST TO MAKE MYRNA WIN THE CONTEST... THEN SHE'LL SEE I'M ON HER SIDE!

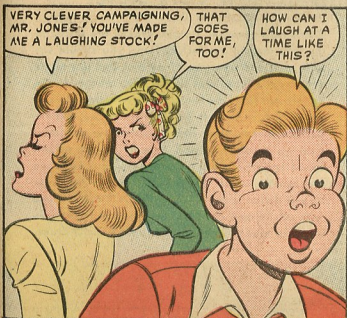
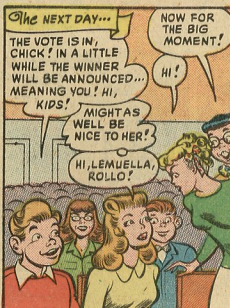
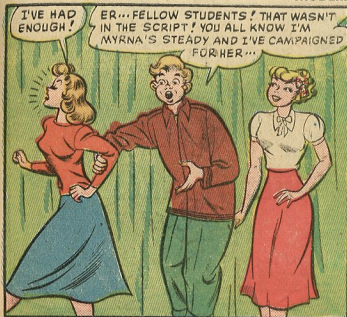
TRUE, CHUM! AND SHE MIGHT EVEN TAKE YOU TO THE BIJOU WITH THE TWO TICKETS THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE AS A PRIZE!





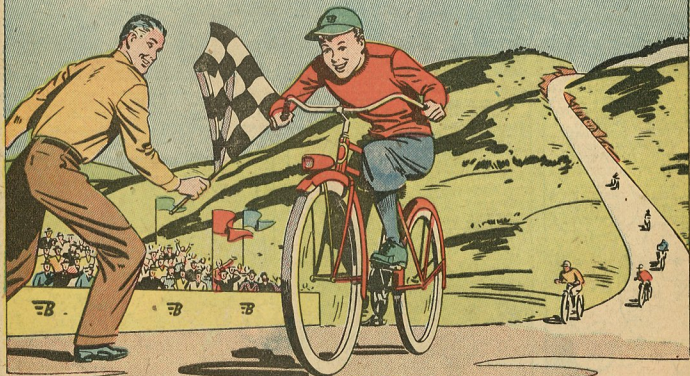




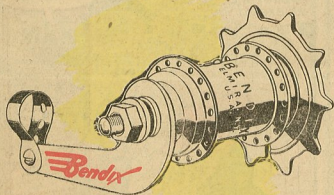




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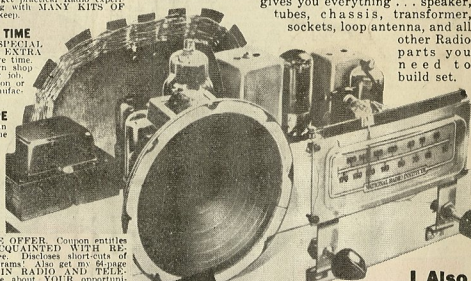
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